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SUBJECT: Barney's Canyon Project Mine and Mine Reclamation, Salt Lake
County
State Application Identifier #UT880308-020

Dear Mr. Filas:

The attached comments were received after our letter of April 12, 1988. You may wish to consider them in your review of this proposal.

Sincerely,


Carolyn Wright

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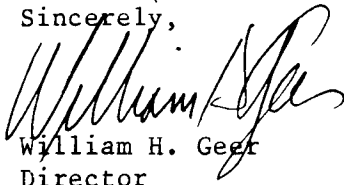
Subject: Barney's Canyon Project, Mining and reclamation plan, Salt
Lake County (UT880308-020)

Dear Carolyn:

All or portions of the proposed development area includes critical value elk winter and calving habitat, high priority value elk winter and summer habitat, high priority deer winter and summer habitat, and substantial value chukar yearlong habitat. Impacts will occur to all of the listed species by disturbing the various habitats; the extent of which will depend on the acreage involved with each species' habitat. Annual disturbance impacts to elk calving activities will occur for the life of the project in any of the mining areas within one-half mile of elk calving habitat during the period from May 15 through July 5.

Wildlife habitat impacts can only be mitigated by reclaiming the disturbed acreage. Disturbance impacts to calving elk can be avoided by restricting mining activities within one-half mile of identified elk calving habitat during the period from May 15 through July 5 on an annual basis.

Sincerely,


William H. Geer
Director